REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the thorough review of the present application as indicated by the Office Action. Independent method Claim 15 and corresponding system and computer program product Claims 20 and 22 have been amended above to clarify that the target station is an on-demand server and that the file packet is distributed to "make the application program available for use by a user at a client," as described, for example, at page 28, lines 3-4 of the present application. In addition, dependent Claims 17, 25 and 29 have been amended to clarify that the call to the import program executing on the target on-demand server is "to install and register the file packet associated with the application program on the target on-demand server in a manner that makes it recognized and available to the user at the client." Such recitations are described in the present application, for example, at page 28, lines 3-4. New Claims 32 to 37 have been added, which include additional recitations, support for which is found generally at pages 28-33 of the present application.

Applicants submit that the claims as amended are patentable over the cited art. Accordingly, Applicants request entry of this amendment and passing of this application to issuance.

Independent Claims 15, 20 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over United States Patent No. 6,202,206 to Dean et al. ("Dean") in view of United States Patent No. 5,867,713 to Shrader et al. ("Shrader"). Office Action, p. 2. The remaining claims stand rejected as obvious over Dean and Shrader in combination with one or more of United States Patent No. 5,996,012 to Jarriel ("Jarriel") and United States Patent No. 6,611,498 to Baker et al. ("Baker").

The Independent Claims Are Patentable Over the Cited Art:

Independent method Claim 15 recites:

A method for distribution of application programs **to a target on-demand server** on a network comprising the steps executed on a centralized network management server coupled to the network of:
providing an application program to be distributed to the network management server;
specifying a source directory and a target directory for distribution of the

application program;

   preparing a file packet associated with the application program and including a segment configured to initiate registration operations for the application program at the target on-demand server; and

   distributing the file packet to the target on-demand server to make the application program available for use by a user at a client.

Independent system and computer program product Claims 20 and 22 contain corresponding recitations. Applicants submit that at least the highlighted portions of Claim 15 are not disclosed or suggested by the cited prior art.

As is clear from the highlighted recitations of Claim 15, the claimed embodiments of Claim 15 are directed to distribution of application programs from a network management computer to on-demand server(s) and to registering the application programs at the on-demand server(s) so that they will be available to users accessing the programs from client computers.

The cited portions of Dean relied on in the rejection of Claims 15, 20 and 22 read as follows:

> The present invention uses the data files and other information developed during the preliminary processing which involved the primary server computer alone as covered by those two copending patent applications. The primary server loads all of the selected application programs onto their respective server and client computers and completes the network configuration under the control of the profile data file which is stored in the primary server computer. All of the selected programs to be installed throughout the network of server and client computers are first loaded into the primary server computer. Then, there is run the sequence of the keystroke and cursor entries required to install said selected components and programs on said server and client computers as recorded in a data file representative of said sequence of entries stored in said primary server computer. As a result, the programs and components are automatically loaded into the respective server and client computers in said network requiring said programs and components. The programs thus distributed include the operating systems for the

Dean, Col. 2, lines 50-67); and

> Accordingly, the copending Dean et al. application covers the general concept of making all of the entries for installations for all of the computers in the network through a primary server so that all of the network installations are under the control of the primary server. These are recorded and stored as keystrokes and

> cursor selections in a data file profile as covered in the copending Bezanson et al. patent application, which is subsequently used to control the configuration of the network and installations and settings on all of the computers in the network. The present patent application covers automatically and, wherever possible, simultaneously configuring the network and making all installations and settings on all of the computers in the network via the primary server computer based upon the previously recorded stored profile with application programs which have been previously loaded into the primary server computer

(Dean, Col. 5, lines 25-40).

Applicants submit that, while there is a discussion of distribution of application programs from a primary server computer to clients and servers in these sections, there is no discussion of providing a file packet to target on-demand servers to initiate registration operations to make an application program available to a user at a client. Similarly, the secondary references contain no such disclosure or suggestion. Accordingly, the rejections of independent Claims 15, 20 and 22 should be withdrawn for at least these reasons.

The Dependent Claims:

Each of the dependent claims is patentable at least based on the patentability of the independent claim from which it depends as discussed above. In addition, various of the dependent claims are separately patentable. For example, contrary to the assertion in the Office Action, none of the references disclose or suggest the import program and registration operations for making an application program available on a target on-demand server so that it is "recognized and available to the user at the client" as recited in Claims 17, 25 and 29. With respect to Claims 18, 26 and 30, Applicants submit that, while the secondary references may disclose some of the utilized terms of these claims, they fail to disclose the particulars of the recited use of a URL for registration of an application program and insertion of an identification in a variable field of the segment of the file packet configured to initiate the registration operations to make the application program available to a user at a client as recited in these claims. Each of new Claims 32-37 is also separately patentable based on the inclusion of recitations therein not found in the cited prior art. Accordingly, the dependent claims are also separately patentable and should be allowed for at least these additional
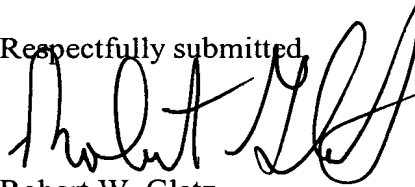
reasons.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that, for the reasons discussed above, the references cited in the present rejections do not disclose or suggest the present invention as claimed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all the pending claims and passing this application to issue.

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